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WATER RESOURCE BOARD SETS NEXT MEETING FOR DECEMBER 5 IN BOISE

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will meet Friday (Dec. 5) in Boise, Board officials announced today.

At the meeting Board members will consider a request for financial support water users near Salmon whose water supply pipeline was destroyed this past summer by the Withington Creek forest fire.

The Sunset Heights Water District has asked for a \$60,000 loan to help pay for a \$160,000 project to replace a pipeline destroyed by the fire in August. The District delivers water to 50 homes located about 8 miles south of Salmon. The fire destroyed a pipeline running from a spring to a storage tank and also severely damaged the spring collection box. The District has been managing to get by using a temporary pipe.

The Board will also receive reports on comprehensive state water planning efforts including an extension of the comment period for the draft South Fork Clearwater Comprehensive Basin plan.

The meeting is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday (Dec. 5) at the Idaho Department of Water Resources state office, 1301 N. Orchard Street. The Board will also hold a work session meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at the same location. Both meetings are open to the public.

The meetings are being held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you special assistance, to understand or participate in the meetings, please contact Rita Fleck, (208) 327-7880 prior to the event so arrangements can be made